APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to question No. 62 (*a*) asked by Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 2nd August 1933, page 154 supra.]

G.O. Ms. No. 1473, L. & M., dated the 12th April 1933.

The President, District Board, Salem, has made an enquiry, at the instance of the Government, into the affairs of the Kumarapalayam panchayat. The enquiry has shown that the president's party and the opposition on the panchayat board are equally balanced, that the administration is practically at a standstill except for such business as the president and his party continue to dispose of at meetings held without the knowledge of the members of the opposition, that the president has been guilty of several serious irregularities and abuses of power and that he has dismissed the entire establishment of the panchayat.

2. It is clear that the panchayat board which is unable to exercise any effective check on the vagaries of its president and which is too pre-occupied with party strife to be able to discharge its duties to the villagers, has rendered itself incompetent to perform the duties imposed on it by law. Therefore the Kumarapalayam Panchayat Board, the Tiruchengodu Taluk Board and the Salem District Board are hereby called upon, under sub-section (2) of section 45-A of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, to show cause, so as to reach the Government within fifteen days from the date of this order, why the panchayat board should not be superseded for a period of one year under section 45-A (1) of the Act.

(By order of the Government, Ministry of Local Self-Government)

E. CONRAN SMITH,
Secretary to Government.

To the President, Panchayat Board, Kumarapalayam.
,, President, Taluk Board, Tiruchengodu.
,, President, District Board, Salem.

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,, Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards.

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